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SUBJ: CIVAIR: STRIKES THREATEN FRENCH CARRIERS

1. DURING PAST THREE WEEKS AIR FRANCE HAS EXPERIENCED SERIES OF WILDCAT STRIKES BY GROUND PERSONNEL WHICH HAVE DISRUPTED CARRIER'S OPERATIONS. PERSONNEL ARE PROTESTING COST-CUTTING MEASURES AFFECTING EMPLOYMENT WHICH AIR FRANCE MANAGEMENT PROPOSES AS MEANS OF REDUCING PRESENT OPERATING DEFICIT. WHILE WORK STOPPAGES HAVE THUS FAR BEEN ERRATIC, TRADE UNIONS ARE NOW PROPOSING TWENTY-FOUR HOUR WORK STOPPAGE BY GROUND PERSONNEL FOR NOV. 12. NEGOTIATIONS APPEAR TO HAVE BROKEN DOWN, AND IN FACT PRESS REPORTS THAT AIR FRANCE MANAGEMENT HAS FILED DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST THE UNIONS.

2. PRESS FURTHER REPORTS THAT UNIONS REPRESENTING CABIN PERSONNEL AT AIR FRANCE, UTA AND AIR INTER HAVE FILED STRIKE NOTICE FOR NOV. 14-15 IN EVENT OF BREAK-DOWN OF FINAL TALKS FOR REVISION OF COLLECTIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.

3. COMMENT: LOSS OF REVENUE FROM DISRUPTION OF
AIR FRANCE FLIGHT OPERATIONS, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE
ADDED COST OF WHATEVER SETTLEMENT MANAGEMENT MAY BE
FORCED TO MAKE, ARE NEW FACTORS AIR FRANCE MANAGEMENT
AND GOF WILL NOW CERTAINLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN
WEIGHING WHETHER GRANT ANY CONCESSIONS WE SEEK THAT
COULD FURTHER REDUCE REVENUE AIR FRANCE MIGHT HOPE TO
GAIN, E.G., BERLIN-PARIS CHARTERS, AND OPERATION OF
THREE-POINT ITC'S THROUGH FRANCE.
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